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A. ORGANIZATION

The inaugural meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Ministers of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway was held in Kinshasa, Zaire on 24 March 1988. The meeting of ministers was preceeded by the meeting of Inter-Governmental Experts on 18 March 1988.

B. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Representatives of the following Member States of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway attended the meeting : Angola, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Mozambique was not represented. The meeting was also attended by Professor Adebayo Adedeji, Under Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, ex-officio member of the Co-ordinating Committee of the TSAH.

Representatives of the following countries and African and International Organizations attending the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning which was held concurrently with the inaugural meeting of the TSAH, observed the inauguration of the Beira-Lobito Trans-African Highway, and adopted its report (E/ECA/TSAH/1): Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Chad, Central African Republic, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Canada, Great Britain, Greece, UNCTAD, UNDP, ILO, UNIDO, ESCAP, ICAO, World Bank, ITU, IMO, OAU, AFRAA, AFCAC, CEPGL, UDEAC, UAPT, PATU, PTA, PMAESA, UAR, BADEA and CCCE.

C. OPENING OF THE MEETING (agenda item 1)

The meeting was opened by a representative of the Host Government, the Republic of Zaire, current chairman.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICES (agenda item 2)

The meeting elected the following officers:

Chairman:

S.E.Buketi Bukayi
Secretaire d'Etat aux Affaires etrangeres of Zaire.

Vice Chairman

H.E. Ambassadeur Miguel Gaspar Neto,
Plenipotentiary of Angola

Rapporteur

H.E. Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi,
Minister of Transport of Zimbabwe

E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 3)

The meeting adopted the following agenda for its deliberations:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of offices
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Consideration of the report of experts:
   (a) General alignment of the TSAH
   (b) Terms of reference of the co-ordinating committee
5. Closure of the meeting

Consideration of the Report of the Experts (agenda item 4)

In presenting the report of experts (TRANSCOM/TSHA/2) to the Co-ordinating Committee of ministers, the Chairman of the Experts of meeting (Zaire) said that four of the five members of the TSAH had participated and elected Zaire as Chairman, Angola as Vice Chairman and Zimbabwe Rapporteur. The meeting had then considered the general alignment of the Beira-Lobito Highway and its feeder links, and had adopted the alignment with some amendments relating to the feeder links inside Zimbabwe, Zambia and Zaire. Mozambique had not been represented, while Angola's representive had said consultation with competent national experts would be required prior to formal adoption of the alignment.

The experts had next considered the Terms of Reference of the Co-ordinating Committee of the TSAH, and had recommended that the Ministers adopt it, after minor amendments concerning Article 11. (The full text of the report of the meeting of experts is attached to the report as Annex III).

The Minister of Zambia thanked the ECA for a job well done in preparing the documents, nevertheless pointed out certain errors regarding the proper form of certain towns (Kafue, Kapiri-Mposhi, Mongu) and stated that his delegation was very much satisfied with the work accomplished and would identify itself with the report.

The Minister of Zimbabwe also pointed out that "Umtali" and "Headlands" were no longer in use, and that the correct names for the two towns along the TSAH in Zimbabwe were "Mutare" and "Rusape", respectively. That having been said, he joined the Zambian delegation in expressing his satisfaction with the basic documents prepared for the meeting and confirmed his delegation's association with it

The Co-ordinating Committee then adopted the report, including the alignment of the Beira-Lobito Highway and its feeder links; and its own terms of reference.

Closure of the meeting

The Current Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee of ministers of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway (Zaire), in closing the inaugural meeting, thanked the Executive Secretary of the ECA, Prof. Adebayo Adedeji (ex-officio member of the Committee) for his efforts, and the remaining ministers, members of the Co-ordinating Committee, for their participation, and for their determined effort to take yet another decisive step in the improvement of transport in Southern Africa.

The Current Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway then declared the inaugural meeting closed.

MAPS FOLLOW

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DOCUMENT

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE BEIRA-LOBITO TRANS-SOUTHERN AFRICAN HIGHWAY

The Co-ordinating Committee for the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway shall be established as follows:

Article I: Composition

The Co-ordinating Committee shall be composed of Ministers from each of the countries traversed by the Trans-Southern African Highway, namely: Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Zaire and Zimbabwe. It shall also include Ministers from Associate member States interested in the Highway, such as Malawi, Botswana, Tanzania and Swaziland. Other Associate member States may become members of the Co-ordinating Committee should they so desire.

Members of the Co-ordinating Committee shall be assisted by one or more alternates at the technical level.

The Executive Secretary of ECA shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The representatives of certain funding agencies and donor countries shall be designated Associate Members. Representatives of the specialized agencies of the United Nations and of the OAU, inter-governmental organizations especially PTA and SATCC, and other appropriate organizations and experts may also be invited to participate at meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee, and may be designated Associate Members by mutual consent

Article 2: Objectives

The Co-ordinating Committee shall promote and co-ordinate the planning and construction of the Beira-Lobito Highway (and its road links with neighbouring countries) to an all-weather standard; and the removal of all administrative and legal barriers to international travel and trade with a view to promoting social and economic co-operation among member Countries. To this end it shall:

(a) Issue directives to ECA for the preparation of a co-ordinated work programme for the implementation of the Highway Project;

(b) Recommend to Governments of the member countries concerned, measures for the implementation of the Highway Project;

(c) Explore the possibilities of obtaining external financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the Highway Project;

(d) Assist the participating Governments in the preparation and submission of requests for technical and financial assistance whether provided under the United Nations technical assistance programme or by other organizations and donors;

(e) Review from time to time the execution of road projects and programmes undertaken by participating countries in connection with the Highway;

(f) Take cognizance of appropriate arrangements between or among the Governments concerned on problems connected with the construction and improvement of sections of the Highway and advise thereon;

(g) Recommend measures for improving international travel and trade on the Highway and its road links and shall for this purpose:

(i) Review existing road and traffic regulations in force in the countries with a view to their harmonization.

(ii) Examine regulations and procedures applied to international goods and passenger traffic including customs, transit, immigration and health formalities with a view to determining the extent to which they can be made uniform.

(iii) Study and make proposals for the extension of 'in bond' facilities for goods in transit between maritime ports and land-locked countries.

(h) Establish close co-operation with other intergovernmental bodies created within the context of Trans-African Highway projects.

Article 3: Secretariat Services

The ECA Executive Secretary shall provide the necessary secretariat service for the meetings of the Committee, through the Trans-African Highway Bureau (TAHB). He shall also endeavour to secure the services of engineers, transport economists and other competent experts from some of the co-operating countries and institutions with a view to strengthening the already existing Trans-African Highways Programme with staff assigned to the Transport, Communications and Tourism Division.

Article 4: Rules of Procedure

The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure, subject to the provision set out below.

Article 5: Sessions

The Committee shall meet at least once a year, but special meetings can be convened if the need arises.

Article 6: Venue of Meetings

The venues of the meetings shall be fixed by the Committee, preferably in the countries concerned selected in English alphabetical order of the member States.

Article 7: Bureau

At ordinary meetings the Committee shall elect its Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur from among the representatives of the African countries concerned. The offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be filled respectively by the representatives of the host country and the next country in English alphabetical order. The persons so elected shall remain in office until the following general meeting.

On the expiration of the current Chairman's term of office, he shall be succeeded by the Vice-Chairman and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected in accordance with the procedure set out in the first paragraph of this Article.

Article 8: Convening of meetings

The TAHB of the Economic Commission for Africa shall be responsible for the organization of meetings and the execution of directives given to it by the Committee. The Executive Secretary of ECA, in liaison with the Chairman in office, shall circulate the notes convening the meetings of the Committee, shall establish the provisional agenda, and shall distribute the appropriate documents at least two months before the opening date of the meetings of the Committee.

Article 9: Invitations

The Committee may invite any person considered acceptable and competent to participate in its discussions without the right to vote.

Article 10: Invitations

The Committee cannot hold a valid meeting unless at least a simple majority is present. Each member may be assisted by advisers of its choice.

Article 11: Voting

As far as possible all decisions will be reached unanimously. Should a vote be taken, a decision shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of member States, as defined in article I.

Article 12: Reports and Recommendations

The proceedings of the Committee shall be the subject of a report to be prepared by the ECA Secretariat in both English and French, the two versions being equally authentic.

Decisions shall be in the form of resolutions and shall be recorded in a separate document annexed to the report.

Article 13

The ECA Secretariat shall, with the assistance of member countries, be responsible for preparing periodic reports on the implementation of the decisions of the Committee.

Article 14:

The Committee shall present its reports to the Governments of member States, Associate member States and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Article 15:

All expenses incurred by participants at meetings of the Committee shall be the met by the Governments and organizations which they represent.

The General Alignment of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway

1. The main Highway starts at the Port of Beira in Mozambique and proceeds towards the Port of Lobito in Angola passing in general through Harare in Zimbabwe, Lusaka in Zambia, Lubumbashi in Zaire, and Luena and Alto Hama inside Angola.

2. The itinerary inside each member country is as follows:

(i) Mozambique

Beira
Dondo
Chimoio
Manica
Machipanda (Zimbabwe Border).

(ii) Zimbabwe

Mozambique Border (Machipanda)
Mutare
Rusape
Macheke
Marodera (Marandellas)
Harare
Chinhoyi
Karoi
Chirundu (Zambia Border)

(iii) Zambia

Chirunda (Zimbabwe Border)
Kafue
Lusaka
Kabwe
Kapiri Mposhi
Kitwe
Chingola
Chililabombwe (Zaire Border).

(iv) Zaire

Chililabombwe (Zambia Border)
Zambia Border
Kasumbalesa
Lubumbashi
Likasi
Kolwezi
Mungulunga
Kasaji
Malonga
Dilolo (Angola Border)

(v) Angola

Dilolo (Zaire Border)
Luau
Luena
Camacuna
Kuito
Chingnar
Bela Vista
Bailundo
Alto Hama
Balombo
Monte Belo
Lobito

3. Furthermore, 10 Feeder Links have been adopted by member States, as follows:

(i) Nacala corridor

Dondo
Inhaminga
Caia
Nicuadala
Namucurra
Mocuba
Molocue
Nampula
Monapo
Nacala

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(ii) Mozambique-Swaziland:

Chimoio Junction
Chiboma
Save
Pambarra
Massinga
Maxixe
Lindela
Xai-Xai
Manhica
Maputo
Namaacha
Mbabane

(iii) Zimbabwe-Malawi-Tanzania:

Harare
Mutoko
Changara
Tete
Blantyre
Zomba
Chipoka
Nkhotakhota
Mzuzu
Karonga
Tukuyu
Mbeya.

(iv) Zimbabwe South:

(a) Harare
Chivhu
Masvingo
Rutenga
Beithbridge.

(b) Mutare
Masvingo
Bulawayo

(c) Harare
Bulawayo

(d) Chinhoyi
Chengutu
Bulawayo

(v) Zambia-Malawi:

(a) Lusaka
Rufunsa
Nyimba
Petauke
Chipata
Lilongwe.

(b) Lusaka
Kaoma
Mongu

(vi) Zambia-Angola:

Chingola
Chililabombwe
Solwezi
Mwinilunga
Kabompo
Zambezi
Chavuma
Angola border

(vii) Zaire-Interior:

Kolwezi
Busanga
Kamina
Kaniama
Mbuji-Mayi
Kananga.

(viii) Angola-Botswana:

Luena
Moxico
Lukusse
Luzi
Lumbala -N'Guimbo
Ninda
Chiume

Neriquinha
Chicote
Rivungo
Luiana
Caprivi Strip
Botswana Border

(ix) Angola-Zaire:

Luena
Saurimo
Luachimo
Tshikapa
Kikwit

(x) Angola-Namibia:

Chinguar Junction
Chitembo
Menongue
Caiundo
Caira
Cuangar (Namibia Border)

Inaugural Meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway

INTRODUCTION

1. The member countries of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway (TSAH) met in Kinshasa, to consider the establishment of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Highway and adopt its Terms of Reference.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by Angola, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Mozambique was not represented.

Election of Officers (Agenda item 2(a))

3. The following bureau was elected:

Chairman:	Zaire
Vice Chairman:	Angola
Rapporteur:	Zimbabwe

Adoption of the agenda (Agenda (2(b))

4. The meeting adopted the following agenda.

1. Opening of the meeting
2. (a) Election of officers
   (b) Adoption of the agenda
3. Consideration of the General Alignment of the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway
4. Consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Co-ordinating Committee of the TSAH.
5. Closure of the meeting

Consideration of the General Alignment of the TSAH (Agenda item 3)

5. The General Alignment of the Highway from Beira to Lobito passes through Harare in Zimbabwe; Lusaka and Kitwe in Zambia; Lubumbashi and Kolwezi in Zaire; and Luena and Chinguar in Angola, as indicated in ECA document E/ECA/TCD/53, of 19 February 1988; and as shown on the Beira-Lobnito Highway Map CART-88/6 (2/88/200). The Committee considered the general alignment of the Main Highway and of the Feeder Links, and the following observations were made.

6. The Representative of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Zaire submitted additional feeder roads to the TSAH as follows:

(a) Zambia: Lusaka-Kaoma-Mongu
(b) Zimbabwe:
   (i) Mutare - Masvingo - Bulawayo
   (ii) Harare - Bulawayo
   (iii) Chinhoyi - Cheguta - Bulawayo

(c) Zaire (i) Main highway

Kasumbalesa (border with Zambia) - Lubumbashi - Likaci - Kolwezi - Mungulunga - Kasaji - Malonga - Dilolo (border with Angola).

(ii) Access Roads

(a) Guba - Lubudi - Bukana - Kamina - Kanaiama - Mwene - Ditu - Mbuji - Mayi - Kananga.

(b) Kikwit - Tshikapa - Angola border

(iii) Ilebo - Idiofa - Kimbanda - (PK.51 in Kikwit)

7. The representative of Angola made reservations on the alignment pending consultation with his national experts.

Consideration of the Terms of Reference of TSAH Co-ordinating Committee (Agenda 4)

8. The meeting examined the Terms of Reference of the Co-ordinating Committee of TSAH, and adopted it with the following amendment: Article 11, (Voting) should read "... a decision shall require the affirmative majority vote of member States..."

Closure of the meeting (Agenda 5)

9. The Chairman (Zaire) then declared the meeting closed:

Annexes

Annex I - Terms of Reference of the Co-ordinating Committee
Annex II - The General Alignment of the TSAH

RESOLUTION ECA/UNTACDA/RES/88/71

Trans-African Highway Development

The Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning

Recalling resolution 291 (VII) of 26 February 1977 of the Economic Commission for Africa and 2097 (LXII) of 29 July 1977 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations proclaiming the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (UNTACDA).

Aware of the tremendous efforts exerted by the Executive Secretary of the ECA in accelerating the Development of the Trans-African Highway programme infrastructure and institutions during the life of UNTACDA.

Recalling also resolution 604 (XXII) of the ECA Conference of Ministers requesting the Executive Secretary, inter alia, to urgently reactivate the Trans-African Highway Bureau in ECA, and also UNDP to provide financial assistance during its Fourth Programming Cycle for the establishment and operation of the Bureau.

Appreciating the efforts made by the Executive Secretary in close collaboration with the World Bank and other institutions and countries to draw the attention of Governements to the rapid deterioration of African road networks, and especially the recommendations of the Fourth African Highway Maintenance Conference[1] which, inter alia, call upon African Governments to introduce institutional and administrative reforms and budgetary mechanisms towards improved and effective maintenance performance; and also urges the World Bank, the OECD and other Development Agencies and financial institutions to step-up their support for road programmes directed at reversing the trend towards road deterioration.

Appreciative also of the effort of the Executive Secretary in launching yet another major highway, the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway during the life of the UNTACDA.

1/ E/ECA/TRANS/60, 30 December 1988

Calls upon countries concerned with the Tripoli-Windhoek Trans-Central African Highway to expedite the establishment of their Authority to enhance the accelerated development to all-weather standard of this very important Trans-African Highway.

Commends countries concerned with the Beira-Lobito Trans-Southern African Highway for collectively taking the important initial step in the development of their highway, by inaugurating their co-ordinating committee, as a forerunner of a tremendous amount of regional and subregional co-operative efforts required to improve travel and trade in Southern Africa.

Requests the Executive Secretary of the ECA to provide a progress report at the next meeting of the Conference, in the implementation of the resolution to reactivate the Trans-African Highway Bureau.

Requests also member countries to consider the following matters when addressing road deterioration:

(a) Review of budgetary mechanisms including earmarking and creation of road funds to reallocate sufficient funds for road maintenance and rehabilitation.

(b) Institutional strengthening of road agencies.

(c) Training and motivational initiatives to improve institutional performance and reduce staff turnover.

(d) Reliance on locally available ressources including appropriate and more labour-based technologies.

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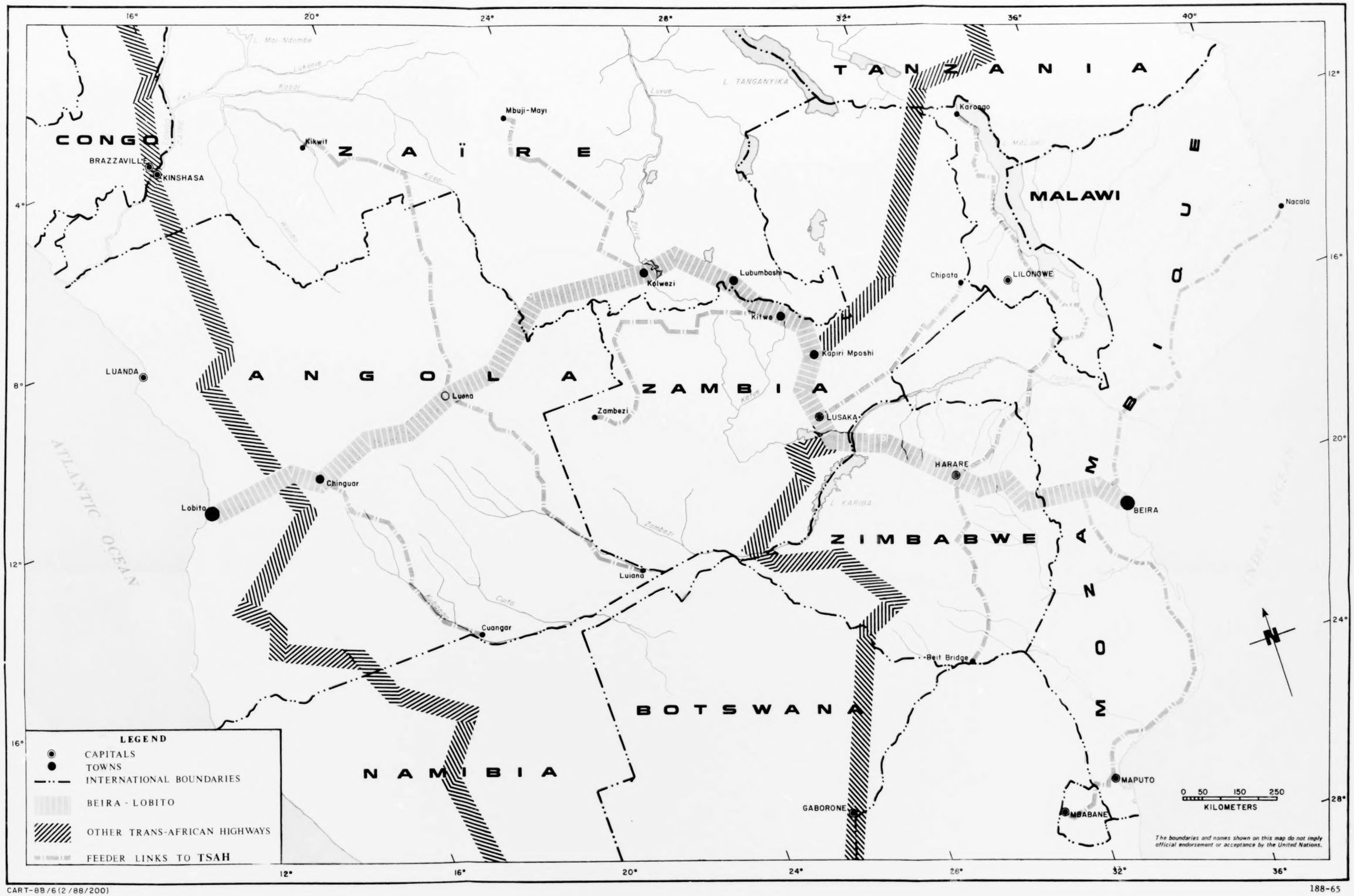
TRANS-SOUTHERN AFRICAN HIGHWAY



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